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CIA reveals new data lost in espionage case

Washington (AP) — An engineer working on Defense Department projects passed more top-secret information on U.S. radar technology to a Polish spy than previously disclosed, according to a Central Intelligence Agency report.

Information in more than 20 highly classified reports probably reached Soviet intelligence and "put in jeopardy existing weapons and advanced future weapon systems of the United States and its allies," according to the CIA account.

The report, prepared this month, was the most specific yet on information the CIA said was given by William H. Bell to a Polish intelligence agent over a three-year period.

Bell, a former radar project engineer with Hughes Aircraft Company, pleaded guilty last year in Los Angeles to charges that he gave filmed copies of classified documents to Marion Zacharski, who posed as a Polish businessman.

Bell was sentenced to up to eight years in prison and was fined \$10,000. Zacharski drew a life term for conspiring to commit espionage.

Polish agents paid Bell nearly \$100,000, which he used to pay back taxes and to purchase a condominium for his stewardess girl friend.

In a segment of CBS-TV's "Sixty Minutes" that was broadcast March 14, Bell was reported to have given

Polish intelligence agents information on the TOW wire-guided, antitank missile; the radar system used in F-15 fighter jets, and the LPIR (Low Probability of Intercept Radar) for the B-1 and Stealth bombers.

According to the CIA report, however, the classified documents "of prime importance to the West" also included information on:

- The vital "look-down, shoot-down" radar system.
- An all-weather radar system for tanks.
- for the U.S. Navy.
- The Phoenix air-to-air missile carried on Navy F-14 fighters.
- A ship-borne surveillance radar.
 A new air-to-air missile, the improved Hawk surface-to-air missile, a Patriot air-defense missile and a NATO air-defense system.
 - A submarine sonar system.

"The acquisition of this information will save the Polish and Soviet governments hundreds of millions of dollars in research and development efforts by permitting them to implement proven designs developed by the United States and by fielding operational counterpart systems in a much shorter time period," the CIA report said.

"Specifications on current and future U.S. weapons systems will enable them [the Poles and the Soviets] to develop defensive countermeasure systems," the report added.

The Bell case was highlighted in the report, which discussed in general the problem of Soviet acquisition of Western technology.

"The Soviets and their Warsaw pact allies have obtained vast amounts of militarily significant Western technology and equipment through legal and illegal means," the report said.

Intelligence officials said the report was prepared from information gathered by the entire U.S. intelligence community and was provided at the request of Congress in a declassified form. STAT